(b) if so, what are the details of the rates of honorarium being paid in the different States;

(c) whether Government propose to bring uniformity in the rates of honorarium of the NCC Officers; and

(d) if so, what measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) NCC officers of Senior and Junior Divisions are paid honorarium at uniform rates prescribed by the Central Government in all the States except Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Bihar and Maharashtra.

(b) A statement is attached indicating the rates of honorarium paid in the five States mentioned above. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 84].

(c) and (d) Central Government have already prescribed uniform rates of honorarium The matter regarding payment of honorarium at the prescribed rates has been taken up with the defaulting States.

Transfer of Whole time NCC Officers

2038. SHRI F M. KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officers employed whole time in the National Cadet Corps;

(b) what is the rank, name and place of posting of such officers;

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines for transfer of whole time NCC officers.

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what is the number of transfer cases of whole time NCC officers where Government guidelines have not been followed in 1985, 1986 and 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There are 532 Whole Time Officers working in the NCC.

(b) A Statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 85].

(c) Director General NCC is the competent authority to transfer NCC Whole Time Officers and guidelines in this regard have been issued by him

(d) According to these guidelines the Whole Time NCC officers are liable to be transferred to any place in India. For the purpose of transfer, the country has been divided into four zones. Some posting in each zone has been classified as 'hard' posting. The officers are posted in each zone by a rotation and are also required to do some 'hard' postings during their career in the NCC Postings are decided on the basis of these guidelines, administrative exigencies and also compassionate grounds in individual cases.

(e) Government have no information about these guidelines being not followed.

Purchase of Sea-Eagle Missiles from U.K.

2039 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any contract has been signed recently with UK for the purchase of Sea Eagle missiles;

(b) if so, what are the terms thereof; and

(c) what amount of foreign exchange is likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE